

low, that in all circumstances they should equally participate in the affairs of government. Prudent legislatures will adopt those provisions on that subject which are best calculated to secure the freedom, safety and happiness of society.

How far the constitutional provision, with respect to the right of suffrage, adopted by every state in the union, except one, may merit the name of error, or how far it may be consistent with delicacy for one branch of the legislature in a single state to brand it with that epithet, we submit to your serious reflection. For ourselves we must declare, that had the weight of example been as powerful against our opinions, we should have been much inclined to doubt their correctness.

Permit us to conclude, with correcting a misapprehension you have taken up with respect to a part of our message. We did not say that we meant not to exclude any person now constitutionally entitled to suffrage. Our assertion was, that you had exercised, in the first part of your bill, the power of deprivation to an extent beyond which we did not design to carry it. In this position we conceive ourselves to have been correct, as we are well assured there is not a citizen in the state possessing thirty pounds worth of property, in the meaning of our present constitution, who might not, under the operation of our amendments, be admitted to the right of suffrage.

By order,

W. S. GREEN, clk.

Which was read.

The engrossed bill No. 89, was read and assented to, and sent to the senate, with the paper bill thereof, by the clerk.

The following message being prepared, was read, agreed to, and sent to the senate by the clerk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, DECEMBER 19, 1800.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE,

WE accede to your proposal of proceeding immediately to the signing and sealing of the laws, and we propose to adjourn to the first Monday of October next.

By order,

W. HARWOOD, clk.

Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, and John Campbell, Esquires, from the senate, acquaint Mr. Speaker that the governor is waiting in the senate to sign and seal the engrossed bills, and request the attendance of this house for that purpose.

Mr. Speaker left the chair, and, attended by the members of this house, went to the senate, and there presented the following engrossed bills to the governor, who signed the same, and affixed the great seal thereto, in the presence of both houses.

- No. 1. An ACT to revive the levy court for Baltimore county.
- No. 2. An ACT to aid and revive the proceedings of the orphans court of Talbot county.
- No. 3. An ACT to revive and aid the proceedings of the orphans court of Saint-Mary's county.
- No. 4. An ACT to settle and ascertain the salary of the members of the council for the ensuing year.
- No. 5. An ACT to repeal an act, entitled, An act for the more effectual preservation of the breed of wild deer in Somerset and Dorchester counties, so far as it respects the county of Dorchester.
- No. 6. An ACT declaring a road or street leading from Reister's-town turnpike road to intersect Howard-street a public highway.
- No. 7. An ACT to extend the powers of the trustees of the poor of Caroline county.
- No. 8. An ACT, entitled, A further supplement to the act passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, entitled, An act to lay out several turnpike roads in Baltimore county.
- No. 9. An ACT to continue an act, entitled, An act for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state, and the several supplements thereto.
- No. 10. An ACT to alter and change the time for holding the county courts of Baltimore and Washington counties.
- No. 11. A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the relief of fundry insolvent debtors.
- No. 12. An ACT to resurvey and lay out anew Princess-Anne-town, in Somerset county, and for other purposes.
- No. 13. An ACT, entitled, A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act for building a new gaol in Baltimore county.
- No. 14. An ACT to incorporate a presbyterian and lutheran church in the county of Baltimore.
- No. 15. An ACT to incorporate the presbyterian church in Snow Hill, in Worcester county.
- No. 16. An ACT, entitled, An act to repeal an act, entitled, An act for the more effectual preservation of the breed of wild deer in Somerset and Dorchester counties.
- No. 17. An ACT to lay out a road from Christopher Walker's mill, in Anne-Arundel county, to intersect the Frederick turnpike road in Baltimore county at or near the seven mile stone on the said turnpike road.
- No. 18. An ACT authorising Cornelius Howard Gift, late collector of Baltimore county, to complete his collections.
- No. 19. An ACT to relinquish the right of this state to the tract of land therein mentioned.
- No. 20. An ACT to lay out and open a road from Jesse Tomlinson's, on Bradock's old road, to Matthew Ball's, on George's creek.
- No. 21. An ACT for the preservation of the breed of fish in Great Choptank river.
- No. 22. A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act respecting the public roads in Washington county.
- No. 23. An ACT further supplementary to the act, entitled, An act for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state.
- No. 24. An ACT for the relief of Thomas Beall, of Samuel, of Allegany county.